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TO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

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E.O. 11652: GDS DECLASS JUNE 1, 1974

TAGS: PGOV, EAID, US, LA

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT TO SOUVANNA PHOUMA

REF: VIENTIANE 2958

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO SOUVANNA'S LETTER OF APRIL 11 (REFTEL). THE SIGNED ORIGINAL, DATED MAY 13, 1974, IS BEING FORWARDED BY POUCH.

2. BEGIN TEXT: HIS HIGHNESS PRINCE SOUVANNA PHOUMA, PRIME MINISTER OF LAOS, VIENTIANE. YOUR HIGHNESS: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 11 REGARDING THE WORK OF RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT FACING LAOS FOLLOWING THE FORMATION OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION. YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO HELP IN THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF YOUR COUNTRY. IT IS MY HOPE THAT OTHER GOVERNMENTS WILL SHARE IN THIS EFFORT. PARAGRAPH. THE AMOUNT OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE WHICH WE CAN PROVIDE DEPENDS ULTIMATELY UPON THE WILL OF CONGRESS. WE SHALL STRESS BEFORE IT THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS RECONSTRUCTION EFFORT IN HELPING TO

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MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN THE FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE WHICH

THE PEOPLE OF LAOS HAVE STRUGGLED SO GALLANTLY TO DEFEND.
PARAGRAPH. MAY I REAFFIRM MY SINCERE ADMIRATION AND BEST
WISHES FOR YOUR PERSONAL EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE KINGDOM

OF LAOS. SINCERELY, SIGNED RICHARD NIXON END TEXT.

3. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE LETTER BUT HAS
NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE TO RLG. RUSH

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